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In the Application of )  
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on METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
MANUFACTURING PASTY FOOD )  
PRODUCT OF ANIMAL MEAT )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

S I R:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

In the specification:

Please insert after the Title the following paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

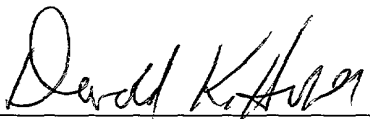
This application is entitled to the benefit of and incorporates by reference essential subject matter disclosed in Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-338622 filed on November 7, 2000 in the name of Kanezaki Co., Ltd.

REMARKS

The above amendment is made in order to incorporate the cross-reference information into the application.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's representative at the phone number listed below. While Applicant believes no fees are due with the filing of this amendment, please charge any deficiencies in fees associated with this filing to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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